

SATURDAY, December 10, is 'THRIFT DAY' in Empress

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| Vote at Local Polls | UNION CHURCH |
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| Results of surrounding local polls for the Medicine Hat constituency are: Empress: Gardiner, 120; Gershaw, 31; McIntosh, 43. Binloss: Gardiner, 74; Gershaw, 21; McIntosh, 6. Social Plains: Gardiner, 81; Gershaw, 12; McIntosh, 7. | Sunday School, 230 p.m. 7:30 p.m. evening service. Rev. V. M. Gilbert, pastor. cordial invitation to all Strangers welcome. Empress View: Gardiner 57; Gershaw, 0; McIntosh, 2. |

| WEEK-END SPECIALS | |
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| Muskrat Fur Caps | 5.50 |
| Buckskin Gaudinet Pullovers | 2.50 |
| Penman's Extra Wool Fleeces Combinations | 2.95 |
| Pressure-Cured One Buckle Overshoes | 2.75 |
| Two | 3.35 |
| BLODGETT "The Men's Man" | |

Links in a Chain

AS every Link in a Chain is an indispensable part and contributes to the strength of the whole, so every branch and sub-branch of this Bank is a vital unit, closely united with all the other branches, and is a link in a strong chain which encircles the world and guards the financial safety of clients.

THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

TOTAL ASSETS OVER NINETY MILLIONS

Binloss Branch:
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W. J. Haysett, Manager.

At the GRAND THEATRE

A frail Woman, but she faced
the problem which threatened
ruin:

Madlaine Traverse

in

'The Iron Heart'

A romance which cannot but fail to grip the
emotions

Fri. and Sat. Dec. 9 and 10

Admission: 50c, 25c, 15c.

Large Audience Greet Presentation of Local Talent Play, "Safety First"

Is Received With Good Comment; Players Are Excellent in Characterizations

On Tuesday night, December 6, at the Grand Theatre, to a delighted and appreciative audience, local artists presented the amusing Three-Act Farce Comedy, "Safety First." The net proceeds from their work is being donated to the Empress Curling and Baseball clubs.

Our town and country citizens are always loyally patriotic and a large audience gathered to greet the artists. Between acts, Mr. D. Lush, read out the election returns and the Empress orchestra rendered charming music. In the interval between the second and third acts, Master Pat. MacCharles gave a humorous reading in his own particular style. A popular favorite, Little Pat, received hearty applause and requests for an encore to which he readily responded.

It was evident from the settings and able manner in which each of the artists carried their respective parts through, that the results achieved had only been possible by unstinted individual and co-operative effort and we have the fullest admiration for all who were concerned in the success attained. Every

detail had received attention and the jolly and good-natured audience understood and gave hearty approval by way of vigorous hand-clapping at the conclusion of each act.

Particular mention of any one of the artists in the cast could be unjust to the other members as all acted their parts efficiently.

In the roles of Jack Montgomery and Jerry Arnold, E. McCune and S. Weir portrayed their respective characters excellently and occasioned the audience many a good laugh.

Vic Saunders as Mr. McNutt, a defective detective, delighted all present by his characterization of an Irish cop ardently endeavoring to perform his duty as a minion of the law.

Ralph Best and W. C. Boyd in the opposite characters of the awfully shrinking young man and the terrible Turk from Turkey, carried their parts through with credit. The Turk indeed looking a very blood-thirsty individual.

Mrs. E. McCune as Mabel Montgomery, Jack's wife, had a difficult part to portray and (continued on inside page)

Are Now Aiding Local Cottage Hospital With Grants, Etc.

Individual Donations Are Also Being Received.

With the aid of the various Women's Societies, Municipalities and U.F.A.'s interest in the Empress Cottage Hospital is being awakened and an earnest effort is now being made to put this very necessary institution on a satisfactory basis. Below we publish a financial report and list of donations. More are needed! The hospital is a necessity, you need it and it is in need of your help.

The hospital has been endorsed by the provincial government as a cottage hospital and is subject to their regulations and will receive a small grant per day for each patient cured for. Small yearly grants have been sanctioned by the Councils of the R.M.'s of Acadia and Montserrat. A proposal is also under way that the U.F.A.'s of Sharrow, Viewfield, Binloss and Social Plains combine in

contributing a yearly sum of \$200 to the support of the hospital. This proposed grant has not yet been ratified by all the U.F.A.'s mentioned.

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| Donations: | |
| Coffee Pot | Mrs. Stoudt |
| Butcher's Knife | " |
| Feeding Cup | W. J. Richards |
| Small Teapot | Mrs. Rowles |
| 1st Cream | " |
| 6ths Butter | Mrs. Rowles |
| 1st Cream | " |
| Jar Pickles | " |
| Pie | Miss Chapman |
| Chicken | Mrs. H. H. Hall |
| Race Blanket | Mrs. H. H. Hall |
| 6 Nosh Shirts, Ladies' Hospital Aid. | " |
| 4 Sault Binders | " |
| Beeswax | " |
| 2 Clothes Bags | " |
| 2 ne. O.R. Stockings | " |
| Bedside Bags | " |
| H.W.B. Covers | " |
| Pies, Clothes Bags | " |

| Statement for November | |
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| J. Kinnibugle | 5 00 |
| J. J. Muzs | 12 00 |
| Mrs. Giddes | 2 00 |
| Mrs. G. H. England | 52 50 |
| Total Earnings | 71 50 |

| Donations and Benefits | |
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| Andrew Douglas | 5 00 |
| Women's Institute Card Party | 216 55 |
| Wm. R. Brodie, diabe. | 10 15 |
| E. J. Lory on milk acct. | 1 00 |
| G. M. Johnston, drugs and sundries | 15 15 |
| Dr. Caldwell, Lbr. and Labor | 36 15 |
| Village of Empress, Coal, Wood, Water and Drayage | 98 50 |
| Total | 368 30 |

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| Disturbance | 453 80 |
| Wm. R. Brodie groceries | 67 90 |
| N. D. Storey, Hdw. and Equipment | 46 65 |
| Empress Hardware | 75 |
| R. L. Arthur, Meat acct. | 3 75 |
| R. H. Richards, Bread | 3 25 |
| Mrs. H. H. Hall, Butter | 8 80 |
| E. J. Lory, Milk acct. | 3 00 |
| Empress Drug Co. drugs and sundries | 15 15 |
| Dr. Caldwell, Lumber and labor | 36 15 |
| Village of Empress, Coal 38.50, Wood 18.5, Water 2.25, Drayage 5.00 | 98 50 |
| Miss Elliot, November Salary | 95 00 |
| Miss C. Rowles | 25 00 |
| Total | 305 90 |

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| Balance of cash on hand | 60 90 |
| M. A. Blodgett, Sect. Treas. | |

"A laugh a day will chase the Blues away."

Slip yourself a few stretches and attend the

'EVENING OF SONG'

On January 10th, in the Theatre at Empress, the Elysian Quartet composed of Mrs. L. H. Shannon, Mrs. J. G. Paxton, Mr. E. Muncester and Mr. J. C. Thow will give an evening's entertainment of song.

They will be assisted by Mrs. H. H. Hall, accompanist, also Mrs. J. McNeil, Mrs. E. Muncester, Mr. J. G. Paxton and the Empress Orchestra.

The program will consist of solo, duet and quartet work, in both comic and classical form, and the "Elysian" guarantee an evening's enjoyment to all. It will be well worth while driving in from the country to attend this concert.

The proceeds are for a good cause and will be placed to the funds of the United Church and St. Mary's Anglican Church respectively.—Adults, \$1.00; Children under 14, 35c. Don't forget January 10th.

Forget Your Worries and Come!

January 10th

WE NEED MONEY AND WE NEED IT AT ONCE!

SO WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS STARTING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

WE WILL GIVE A STRAIGHT DISCOUNT. FOR CASH ONLY, 10 p.c. on all lines with the exception of Kerosene or Coal Oil, Gasoline, Ford Parts, Barbed Wire and Copper Boilers, Auto Tires and Tubes.

This reduction will apply on balance of stock, and please remember that we have lately reduced Glass 25 p.c., Beds, Spring, Mattresses, Furniture, and etc. 25 p.c. Paints are down, \$2.50 a Gallon from the high Price. Stove Pipes, Elbows and Etc. have been already reduced over 25 p.c. and many other lines in like proportion.

The 10 p.c. following this reduction assures you of buying your Hardware at RIGHT PRICES.

Our Lines of XMAS GOODS are complete

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about our Self Help Club.

Liberals Gain Big Victory in Federal Elections

The Federal election results were a big surprise to the majority of electors. Although many counted on the Liberal party having a majority over the other parties, it was not expected even by sanguine Liberals that the victory for them would be such a sweeping one. The Progressives and Conservatives fell down badly in Ontario, and the east practically went wholly Liberal. The following are the standings of the parties: Liberal, 121; Progressive, 60; Conservative, 51; Independents, 2; 1 doubtful.

Council Re-Elected by Acclamation

Very little interest was manifested in the nominations for the Village Council. The present members of the Council were all re-nominated and as no other nominations were entered they were automatically

re-elected by acclamation by the returning officer.

An acclamation is never regarded as satisfactory to the general public, indicating apathy on their part. However, at this period it may also be taken more in the light of an endorsement of the economic policy that has been pursued by the present Board and for a continuation of this policy. It is always to be remembered that the office of councillorship is an honorary position and one in which the individual generally receives more kicks than praise.

An attempt was made on Monday to cross the Red Deer river, near the bridge, with a 20-ton J. I. Case farm tractor which had been re-possessed by the Company. The tractor

crashed through the ice, and now a small crew of men are busily engaged in getting it back on to land again.

Curling Set Rate on

Tickets to High School Youths

A meeting of the executive of the Curling Club took place on Saturday. A number of names were chosen from a list of old members for the purpose of organising risks. These men will not necessarily skip the risks they turn, positions of play is left with members of respective risks to decide among themselves. A question of membership fee for high-school youths was discussed and on motion this was placed at \$8 for the season. Youths in receipt of wages are required to pay the full fee.

Warm weather has interfered with ice making and it is hardly probable that the ice will be in shape for curling before next week.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Castle Combe will be held at the home of Mrs. Thos. Rowles on Wednesday, December 14, at 2 o'clock.

Buffalo

The December meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Miss Dolly Smyth. At this meeting the ladies will decide matters concerning the Xmas gifts, which the Women's Institute and the Sunday School will give to each child in the two townships in Range five. It is also the annual meeting and officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Earl Allen who has been teaching in Aoudia Valley has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Altman have rented their farm and left for Battle Creek, Mich., where they will reside.

Polling was held at the Paulding house. Martyn Salzwedel was the returning officer.

"Safety First"—cont.

In filling this role displayed good dramatic ability.

Miss Gladys Stewart in Virginia Bridger, a younger sister, filled her part with ease and grace.

Mrs. G. G. Peters as Mrs. Barrington-Bridger, their mother, gave a splendid characterization of the severe and dominant type of womanhood, carrying the part through to perfection. Mrs. W. Clark's portrayal of Zuleika, a tender Turkish maid, was well and excellently executed.

Miss Perdita York in the role of Mary Ann O'Finnerty, an Irish cook, had probably the

R.M. Munro 262

Collection of Taxes

For the convenience of Ratepayers the Dec. Taxes will attend at the following points with the roll from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cornell's Corner P.O., Tuesday, Dec. 30.
P. McWhinney's 25, 28, 29, Monday, Dec. 18.

The Hotel, Empress, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17.

Taxes unpaid after these dates will be liable for collection by distasteful.

The Tax Collector is a gift-giving security which net the investor an average of 10 per cent. per annum. Any person wishing to secure an assignment of these should see me on these dates and can select lands themselves from the list.

C. EVANS SARGENT
Secy-Treas.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early



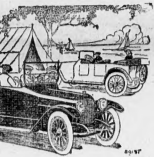
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Our stock is very large, and is too numerous for us to go into detail, and our space will only allow us to enumerate a very small part of the very satisfactory selection of Christmas Gifts you will find at J. A. TOOMBS STORE.

Solid Gold Rings, from \$2.00 to 15.00

Gold-filled Brooches, 1.00 to 4.00

Solid Gold Brooches, 7.00 to 30.00

Gold-filled Neck Chains, 1.00 to 3.00

Solid Gold Neck Chains, 5.00 to 12.00

Necklaces, Solid Gold, 8.00 to 35.00

Cut Glass, Silverware, French Ivory

This selection of goods will please you.

We have the best range of Gifts that have ever been shown in Empress. Pay us a call, whether you buy or not we will be pleased to have your inspection.

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THE JEWELER

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Grain Prices

AT EMPRESS, Thursday, Dec. 8

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| Wheat No 1, Nor. | .83 | Track Wheat | |
| Flax | 1.30 | Oats | .26 |
| Barley | .30 | Rye | .51 |

W. C. Boyd, returned on Saturday from a trip to Winnipeg.

After the play on Tuesday night, money collected in the hotel rotunda to hear the latest election returns.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reddy are making arrangements for taking up their residence in Moose Jaw.

Large heads may mean soggy brains, says a Los Angeles surgeon. That's what's come from putting the country on a water diet.

If economy prices interest you, study the adverts.

H. H. Hall, the local station agent made arrangements which enabled him to receive direct telegraphic election returns at the theatre building. A service which was much appreciated by the general public.

Many Blindless visitors were present to see the presentation of "Safety First," in the Grand Theatre, on Tuesday night, by a caste comprised entirely of local talent.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. will be held at the home of Mrs. M. G. Boyd on Wednesday, December 11, at 3 p.m. All ladies welcome.

For Private Sale—Household furniture and effects. All to be sold as soon as possible for cash.—Apply, Mrs. H. J. Reddy, Empress.

On Saturday, December 10, from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., A Fruit and Jelly Shower will be held in the Princess Cafe, under the auspices of the W.M.S., for the hospital, tea will be served. All contributions gladly received.

The Family Herald and Weekly Star with a beautiful colored plate of the Canadian Coat of Arms, and The Empress Express—a yearly subscription to be 10 papers for \$3. Netting you a saving of 1.00. Get in on this money-saving offer.

ATLEE

Atlee, Dec. 1, 1921

Miss R. Edgington, who has been teaching in the Thackeray school, north of the river, returned on Thursday evening to her home in Cavendish. She has finished her term at Thackeray and will remain home till after holiday.

Dec. 2

The U.F.A. held a card party in the Hall Thursday night. A large number were present and a good time is the verdict of all.

Mr. R. E. Hodges was here recently. He says he likes the country near Chinook very well but the Cavendish district is better.

B. Eley shipped 125 lbs. of dressed turkeys to Calgary yesterday. He says turkeys pay better than wheat.

Mr. Goss, from Jenner local Soldiers Settlement board was here Wednesday and Thursday.

W. Mupple, of Edmonton, was in town Monday and Tuesday in the interests of those farmers who need relief from the government on account of continual crop failures.

Wm. Alford and Theo. Swan were visitors to the Hall, Tuesday. They are to spend the winter there.

The A. P. Goss Co. received a car load of oats from Calgary yesterday.

Jack Emmett, local foreman, had an accident and partly ruined his gasoline speeder and now has to use the hand car.

Mr. Manzi, of Leader, Sask., has been in town during the past week buying hides and furs.

J. R. Hallam, of Parvella, was a business visitor to Calgary the first of the week.

Wanted—A high school girl as companion and to assist with light housework in exchange for board and lodging in comfortable home in Empress. To start about January 7th—Apply P.O. Box 32 Empress, or Mrs. S. T. Lewis, C.P.R. section House.

Without the assistance of the cow no agricultural community was ever permanently prosperous. There is no crop failure with the cow. Hall will not destroy her product nor drought nor flood interfere with her work. So long as she has food, water and shelter she will yield a product which can be sold every day in the year at a fair price. The community in which the cow finds her proper place is invariably prosperous.

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Weekly Star and Family Herald
with Colored Plate. Two papers, \$3.

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Christmas
Shopping
Early

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North of Union Bank

Belle Plains, Iowa, U.S.A., Nov. 25, 1921

To :

The Empress People

"While way down in Iowa trying to gather corn in the mud!—

The Empress Farmer is sitting in the Pool Room smoking at his ease—wondering how long the Winter will last and What Kind of a Crop we will have Next Year."

Yours For a

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**UNION BANK
OF CANADA**

NOTICE

PLEASANT to an Order of His Honour Judge Macleod, there will be offered for sale by FRANK W. STARRROW, Auctioneer, at the Post Office, Empress, Alberta, on Wednesday, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1921, at 2 o'clock afternoon, the following desirable property being the South-west quarter of Section 16, in Township 20, in Range 8 West of the 4th Meridian, in the Province of Alberta.

The Vendor is informed that there are 34 acres hereon and that there is a house and stable upon the said property.

The purchaser shall pay ten per cent of the purchase price on the day of sale, fifteen per cent in sixty days without interest and the balance in three equal instalments in one, two, and three years, with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum. In all other respects the conditions approved by a Judge or Master in Chambers will apply.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to D. STEVEN SUTHERLAND, Solicitor, Empress, Alberta, Solicitor for the Vendor.

R. A. WALLACE,
Clerk of the Supreme Court,
(Solely).

Brodie's - FOR - CASH BUYING A Place to Save Money on Groceries

A Few Suggestions for Christmas Baking

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| Mince Meat 2 pkgs., 45c. | Vanilla Extract large size, 90c |
| Mixed Peel, cut, per box .55 | Molasses, small can 25c. |
| Almond Paste 45c | Ground Almonds, tin 35c |
| Hip-O-Lite, per jar .55 | Cake Icing .35 |
| Bulk Raisins, per lb. 30c | Icing Sugar, 2lbs. 25c |
| 2lb. Ibs. Can Honey 75c | Cluster Raisins, 2lbs. .35 |
| 200 lbs. Chocolates at 50c | 5 lb. Pail Honey 1.35 |

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Galt Coal

"Burns all night"

For a real economical fuel Try
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